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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : van der Burg, et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/435,562  
Filed : November 8, 1999  
For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR  
LEFT ATRIAL APPENDAGE  
OCCLUSION  
Examiner : Glen K. Dawson  
Group Art Unit : 3731

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 16, 2005**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.